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Harijan Welfare School at Panathur

11-10 a.m. * 2889 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to construct a building for the Harijan Welfare School at Panathur in Panathadi village in Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara, and if so, when the work will be sanctioned?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : No, Sir.

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Sir, I understand that there is not sufficient room for running the school. Will the Government consider the desirability of constructing a building for the school there which was started a year or two back?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Sir, it will be considered when we examine the proposals for inclusion in the Second Five-Year Plan.

Hand-pounded rice

* 2892 *Q.*—SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any research has been carried on with regard to the nutritive value of hand-pounded rice; and

(*b*) in how many of the Government institutions is hand-pounded rice used?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) During 1955–56, tenders for hand-pounded rice have been accepted in the following State institutions :—

1. Headquarters Hospital, Kozhikode.
2. Government Women and Children Hospital, Kozhikode.
3. Government Wenlock Hospital, Mangalore.
4. Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore.
5. Government Hospital, Cuddalore.
6. Raja Mirasdar Hospital, Tanjore.
7. Erskine Hospital, Madurai.
8. Headquarters Hospital, Palayamkottai.
9. Government Women and Children Hospital, Vannarpet.
10. City State Hospitals.
11. Central Jail, Vellore.
12. State Jail for Women, Vellore.
13. Special Sub-Jail, Mangalore.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : May I know, Sir, whether the supply of iddlis recently started in the General Hospital and other hospitals in the City are also made of hand-pounded rice?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : For iddlis, blackgram also is used.

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM : May I know, Sir, what are the facilities that the Government have provided to find out whether a particular variety of rice is hand-pounded or not? The Government are attaching so much importance to hand-pounded rice. But, are the Government aware of the fact that contractors are mixing other rice also with hand-pounded rice?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : There is no doubt that some difficulty is felt in distinguishing the hand-pounded rice from single polished rice. But, people with experience are able to distinguish them to some extent.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : Which part of rice contains the nutritive value, Sir? Is it the bran or the rice, i.e., the kernel that is there in the paddy?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : I think it is the bran and the germ.

SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Government make arrangements to purchase hand-pounded rice only through co-operative societies where they employ workers for preparing hand-pounded rice?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : There is a proposal like that under consideration, Sir.

Kumara Kshatriya Community in South Kanara

* 2894 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a representation, dated 22nd November 1954, from the Kumara Kshatriya Community in South Kanara requesting to include them in the list of Backward Classes and extend the concessions enjoyed by the Backward and Scheduled Classes to them; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (*a*) A representation was made to the Director of Harijan Welfare.

(*b*) The question of including "Kumara Kshatriya (South Kanara)" Community in the list of Backward Classes is under the consideration of the Government.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : May I know the varieties of Kshatriyas and their total number in the Madras State?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : That question may be addressed to some of the hon. Members who belong to that community.